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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO
SENEGAL

1. TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER HEDI NOUIRA DEPARTED SENEGAL
JUNE 16 AFTER A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. FOLLOWING ARE
FOREIGN POLICY EXTRACTS FROM THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY
NOUIRA AND SENEGALESE PRIME MINSTER ABDOU DIOUF:
BEGIN EXTRACTS:

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN AFRICA, THE TWO PARTIES
EXPRESSED THEIR PROFOUND PREOCCUPATION WITH THE GROWING
DETERIORATION OF INTER-AFRICAN RELATIONS, WITH THE MULTI-
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PLICATION OF ZONES OF TENSION, AND WITH ATTEMPTS AT
DESTABILIZATION OF THE CONTINENT DIRECTED BY NON-AFRICAN
POWERS. THEY AGREED THAT THE USE OF DIALOGUE AND
NEGOTIATION TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL EXTERNAL INTERFER-
ENCE CONSTITUTES THE BEST MEANS OF ARRIVING AT PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES SO THAT AFRICA CAN REMAIN IN
THE HANDS OF AFRICANS. THEY AGREED THAT THE AFRICAN

COUNTRIES HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING A SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY WITHIN A REGIONAL FRAMEWORK THANKS TO NON-AGGRESSION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS IN THE DEFENSE AREA.

3. THE TWO DELEGATIONS REAFFIRMED THEIR PROFOUND ATTACHMENT TO AFRICAN UNITY AS WELL AS THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR ITS REALIZATION, ESPECIALLY, PURSUANT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE OAU CHARTER, BY RESPECTING THE RIGHTS OF AFRICAN NATIONALS LIVING IN THE TERRITORIES OF OTHER AFRICAN STATES. THEY AGREED THAT UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN EVERY SPHERE, AT THE SUB-REGIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS, CAN FACILITATE THE REALIZATION OF THIS UNITY.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE TWO PARTIES REAFFIRMED BOTH THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE, AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO FURNISH THESE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS SUFFICIENT ASSISTANCE TO PERMIT THEM TO TRIUMPH OVER THE DOMINATION OF COLONIALISM, RACISM AND APARTHEID.

5. CONCERNING ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION, THE TWO DELEGATIONS REITERATED THEIR FIRM WILLINGNESS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS ENTERPRISE, UNCLASSIFIED

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NOTABLY BY THE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE HISTORIC SUMMIT OF ARAB AND AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT THAT TOOK PLACE IN CAIRO IN MARCH, 1977.

6. IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE TWO PARTIES EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE INALIENABLE AND LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE, REMAIN PRE-REQUISITES TO A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE REGION. THEY ALSO REAFFIRMED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. END EXTRACTS.

7. COMMENT: PARAGRAPHS ON AFRICA REFLECT SENEGALESE VIEW THAT MAJOR TENSIONS ARE BEING EXACERBATED BY EXTERNAL INTERVENTION WHICH THEY IDENTIFY AS SOVIET, CUBAN AND ALGERIAN. PROPOSAL FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY THROUGH REGIONAL DEFENSE PACTS, SUCH AS NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT RECENTLY REACHED WITHIN WEST AFRICAN ECOWAS, IS ALSO A CONCEPT SENEGAL WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED FURTHER. STATEMENT ON RIGHTS OF AFRICANS LIVING OUT-

SIDE THEIR OWN COUNTRIES REFLECTS LARGE NUMBER OF
SENEGALESE LIVING AND WORKING IN AFRICA OUTSIDE OF
SENEGAL.

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